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Warren Probe Defended —Archives Public Soon

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The archives of the Warren Commission's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy probably will be made public before the end of the year, according to an assistant counsel to the commission.

Wesley J. Liebeler, an acting professor of law at UCLA, told a Stanford University audience yesterday that the full 26 volumes of testimony would demonstrate the thoroughness of the investigation.

Speaking under sponsorship of the Stanford Law Forum, he called the book, "Rush to Judgment" by Mark Lane, who addressed the same forum last Friday, "a tissue of distortion."

Liebeler said he was confident full disclosure of the Warren Commission's efforts would vindicate the commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin.

"I think the Xrays (made at the Kennedy autopsy) will be made public, and should be made part of the record," he declared.

ONE BULLET

They would prove that only one bullet struck the President by showing exactly how it entered his body, the route it traveled, and where it exited, he said.

Photos of Kennedy's body, taken at Bethesda Naval Hospital during the autopsy, probably should not be made public for reasons of good taste, he continued.

But he suggested that a panel of pathologists might be appointed to study them and make a public report to settle some of the questions raised by Lane and other critics who believe more than one man was involved in the slaying.

NO MOTIVE

Liebeler conceded that it might have been possible that two sequences in a motion picture of the assassination were reversed in preparing prints for publication. But he denied that any ulterior motive was involved.

"There's a lot of sloppy work in the Commission report," he granted. "We probably should have spent six months going over galley proofs. It's a human report, and not perfect."

But he added he was satisfied "as a citizen" that the "probabilities are overwhelming" that the commission reached the right conclusion in fixing sole guilt on Oswald.

Answering some of Lane's criticisms, he referred to the claim that a doctor at Parkland Hospital in Dallas had told reporters the bullet wound in the President's throat appeared to be an entry wound.

That "speculative" report, he said, was made while the President lay on his back, with doctors working in an effort to save his life, and without an inspection of the back.

PREMATURE

Post mortem examination at Bethesda Naval Hospital not only disclosed the entry wound in the back, but study of the President's clothing showed, by the direction of fibers around the bullet hole, that the shot had entered there, he said.

Liebeler answered Lane's complaint that some commission witnesses had been cut short by citing one case as typical. It involved a witness who complained to Lane, and who, Liebeler said, was asked the same questions three times, and each time replied that he knew no more.

Only then, the speaker said, was the witness dismissed.